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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
*Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications

FROM:

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Executive Secretary, DCI's Science and  
Technology Advisory Panel (STAP)

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Briefing to STAP

1. This is to confirm our invitation for you to brief the DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) on future plans, prospects and problems for Agency communications, to include Project Mercury. The briefing is scheduled from 1430-1530 on Thursday, 26 June in room 6D49, Headquarters.

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2. The exact content of the briefing is at your discretion, although the panel did request that Project Mercury be included. This is part of an inquiry by STAP at the DCI's request to investigate the effects of the widespread availability of secure communications in the near term. The purpose is to ferret out potential problem areas to ensure that the Agency and Community do not get surprised by unexpected developments in the future.

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3. For your background information, attached are the tentative agenda, and lists of the STAP members and of the principal functions of the Panel, plus copies of the minutes from two recent meetings. These should give you an idea of who the group is and the types of things that they are currently doing.

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4. If special clearances are required, let me know and we can see about getting a one-time access. All of the Panel members have [redacted] and most have other clearances as well but they vary from individual to individual. I can be reached on [redacted]

Attachments:

1. Tentative Agenda
2. List of Members
3. Principal Functions
4. Mins. of 14th Mtg., [redacted]
5. Mins. of 15th Mtg., [redacted]

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